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Kenji KAWANO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1756  
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PROCESSING THE SAME )

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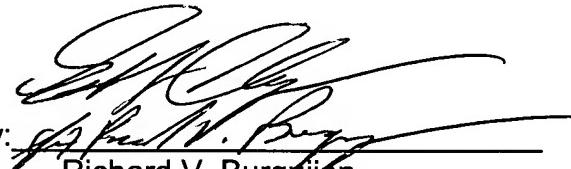
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